HELICOPTER HAND SIGNALS (8300)

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When these signals are used, it is important that the signalperson be positioned beyond the path of the main rotor and be readily observed by the pilot.



Clear to Start Engine

Left hand behind back, right hand overhead, moving in a circular motion.



Takeoff

Arms raised and pointing in the direction of departure.



Hold Hover

Arms outstretched with clenched fists.



Move Upward

Arms extended, sweeping upward





Move Downward

Arms extended, sweeping downward





Right arm horizontal, Left arms sweeps up over head



Move Left or Right



Left arm horizontal Right arms sweeps up over head



Move Forward

Arms outstretched in front, bring up and back





Move Rearward

Arms down at sides, bring forward and up to horizontal position





Release Sling Load

Left arm down away from body, right arm up cuts down in a slashing movement





Don't Land

Arms outstretched, bring up cross and then back - waving motion.





Land (here)

Arms outstretched forward and up, with back to the wind



Hold on Ground

Arms down and crossed



Shut Down (engine)

Slash across throat



Arms together in front, swing to pilot's left



Move Tail Left / Right



Arms together in front swing to pilot's right



Close Tank Doors

Arms outstretched, move down, bending at elbows

